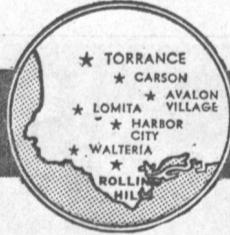


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Council Declares Moratorium On City Weed Abatement Plan



DREAMS OF HOLIDAY—Richard Anderson, 6 a first grader at Newton Elementary School, refuses to waste time during holidays dreaming of school problems. Visions of turkey, and a groaning Thanksgiving table floated through his dreams last night. A small boy, with a big appetite, there is a good chance that, by tonight, he will be a small boy with a big tummy-ache.

58 PER CENT OF QUOTA . . .

Torrance Leads Area in Current Chest Campaign

The City of Torrance is now ahead of all other communities in the Harbor area's current Community Chest campaign, it was reported Monday by local Chest chairman, Harold Frenz.

Total for the city now stands at \$18,740. This sum represents 58 percent of the \$32,046 Torrance goal. Standings of other local communities are:

Wilmington, 56 percent; San Pedro, 48 percent; Gardena, 45 percent; Harbor City-Lomita, 43 percent; Rollings of other local communities, 42 percent; and Palos verdes, 30 percent.

The residential appeal in Torrance, under the leadership of Unit Chairmen Mrs. Lawrence R. Derouin, Mrs. R. W. Klock and Mrs. Edward D. Schneider, is nearly complete. Over 80 percent of the \$8,367 Torrance residential goal has been collected by some 961 local women in the door-to-door campaign.

MEN SLOWER

Male divisions of the campaign are proceeding more slowly. Torrance Advanced Gifts division, led by Dr. Robert Jackson, stands at 74 percent of its total. Ralph Morris, Commerce and Industry chairman, reports 44 percent of his goal has been collected. Some 43 percent of the Business division goal has been received, according to Business chairman John Schwartz.

"I am very pleased at the overall progress of the Torrance campaign," said Frenz. "The women have been doing a great job. The male divisions of our campaign are now holding us back, although they kicked off a month earlier than the residential workers. Nevertheless, we hope to conclude the campaign here in Torrance by the end of November."

Community Chest needs some \$12,000,000 in the Greater Los Angeles area to support the 170 United Way agencies. According to Chest officials, last year some 9,121 Torrance residents made use of such Chest supported agencies as, Children's Hospital, Camp Fire Girls, Rancho San Antonio, PTA, School Health Program, Family Service of Los Angeles and YMCA.

Contract Bids For Crenshaw Work Announced

State Division of Highways this week will call for bids on traffic signal modifications, channelization and widening on 174th St. at Crenshaw Blvd. in Torrance, at Western Ave. in Gardena, and on Artesia Blvd. at Avalon.

Bids will be opened Dec. 22 in Los Angeles. A total of \$78,000 is available for the project, including \$52,000 in state highway funds, and estimated amounts of \$14,600 to be paid by Los Angeles County, \$7500 to be paid by Torrance and \$3900 to be paid by Gardena.

Post Office Asks Early Christmas Gift Mailing

Postmistress Clara A. Conner this week reported that Torrance residents will have the benefits of an expanded postal service during the Christmas season, but that early mailing of cards and gifts is the biggest single factor in getting all mail delivered before Christmas.

She asked that all Christmas gifts and cards for distant points be mailed before December 10.

Urgent Request for Blood Donors As R C Unit Sets Torrance Visit

Announcement that the Red Cross blood program in the Harbor area is embarking on an expansion program coincides with a call for Torrance blood donors to give blood when the mobile visits the American Legion Hall, 1109 Border Ave., on Thursday, Dec. 1.

Sample Survey Set Throughout County in Dec.

The 1960 Sample Survey of Agriculture will be conducted in this county during the next several weeks, it was announced this week by the Bureau of the Census, U.S. Department of Commerce.

1960 Sample Survey of Agriculture will collect information on ownership and size of farms, acreage and harvests of crops, and livestock production and inventories. Information will be collected also on farm equipment, farm income, construction of new farm buildings, farm contracts, and farm operator debts. This survey will supplement information collected in the 1959 Census of Agriculture.

Farms in the county which will be covered in the Survey were selected at random under the census bureau's scientific sampling program to provide a representative cross section of all farms in the county. Information locally will be combined with that collected in other areas of the country to provide national estimates.

Local interviews for the survey will be conducted by Alla Thompson.

Northrop Exec Tells Company's Evaluation Plan

American business might profitably spend as much money and effort on increasing management know-how as it does on technical research and development, one of Northrop Corporation's top executives told the Chamber of Commerce in Los Angeles last week.

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Delay Rubbish Pickup Because Of Holiday

Regular rubbish pickup routes, normally serviced on Thursday will not be picked up today, City officials reported.

Thursday's routes will be serviced tomorrow, while the Friday routes will be picked up Saturday morning. Regular service will resume next week.

In a second announcement, officials reported that two vital commission meetings were cancelled because of the Thanksgiving Day holiday.

The Park and Recreation Commission, which was scheduled to meet last night, has postponed its meeting until December 14.

Airport Commission has adjourned its Thursday night session until December 8.

Jail Torrance Resident As Hit-Run Suspect

A Torrance resident was booked in San Pedro last week on suspicion of hit and run, after he showed up for treatment of minor injuries at a local hospital.

He picked the same hospital to which the driver of the other car had been taken.

Booked on suspicion of felony hit and run was John M. Kittle, 28, an electronics technician. He lives at 1533 W. Carson Blvd.

According to police, Kittle drove into the intersection of 220th St. and Normandie Ave. from a side street and collided with a car driven by Mrs. Colleen J. Fulps, 22, an expectant mother, of 1042 Channel St.

Although Kittle's small compact car was damaged by the impact, he drove away from the scene, police said.

Mrs. Fulps was taken to the Little Company of Mary Hospital in Torrance for treatment and observation. A short time later, Kittle arrived at the same hospital and asked for treatment.

His discussion with attendants of the accident aroused their suspicions and they contacted police.

Memorial Plaque Will Be Erected By Hospital Board

Charles Czuleger, Sr., was appointed chairman of a committee to arrange the erection of a memorial plaque at the Little Company of Mary Hospital, at a meeting held last week.

Appointment was made at a steering committee meeting of the hospital's advisory board Thursday morning. Plaque will be placed in the lobby.

Hospital authorities reported that it is anticipated that the majority of three year pledges will be paid in full very soon and that this will qualify the donors to have their names placed on the plaque. Erection of the commemorative tablet was delayed to make sure that all qualified donors would receive proper recognition.

In a second announcement from the hospital staff, the Reverend Mother M. Patricia announced the resignation of R. I. Plomert as president of the advisory board. Appointed as chairman of the nominating committee for a successor was Robert Curry. Appointment was made by acting president George W. Schneider.

Tax Pressure Relief Sought for Owners

Torrance City Council Tuesday evening sounded the death knell to the controversial Weed Abatement program of the city.

In its second session dealing with the problem Councilmen heard more upset citizens complaining of "outrageous" tax bills for the service, contracted by private concerns but collected by the county on its tax rolls.

William R. Kulpaca, 4300 Emerald St., Torrance, told the councilmen that he had been billed \$4075.60 for the removal of 400 truckloads of dirt from his property. He said that, at the most, the agency couldn't have removed more than 40

truckloads, that 400 truckloads would have leveled the surface of his five-acre property by 15 feet.

Councilman J. A. Beasley, who favored continuing the weed abatement program, but on a modified level, said, "This program, which was a good idea to begin with, has developed into a general cleanup program operating on the whim of a few individuals."

He recommended that the program be modified and put under the direct control of the fire department.

A spot vote of the council, called by Mayor Albert Isen, rejected the plan, 4-2.

A second motion, proposed by Mayor Isen, calling for a one year moratorium on action of the district, was approved. Few doubts remained with councilmen that the program would ever be revived.

Mayor Isen said that the program had originally been a good idea to get rid of weeds, sumps and scrap concrete, but that the idea had gotten out of hand.

An immediate study is planned by the City Manager's office to determine what relief measures may be obtained from the heavy tax burdens handed to local landowners, many of whose tax bills had been increased by three and four times normal by the high charge for the cleanups.

THANKSGIVING DINNER . . .

Twenty-five Lucky Local Shoppers Win Turkeys Through 'Press' Coupons

Families of twenty five local shoppers will say "thank you" to downtown Torrance retail merchants this afternoon as they pitch into the golden brown and simmering turkey that rests in the center of the dining room table.

These twenty five select birds were picked out especially as prizes in the area-wide drawing. Residents of the area clipped coupons from the pages of local newspapers, took them to downtown Torrance stores and deposited them in boxes that had been placed for that purpose.

A check of the coupons, made immediately following the drawing, showed that more than 95 percent were clipped from the pages of the Torrance Press and that nearly every one of the winners came from the same source.

Winners in the competition were selected in a drawing held Monday morning at the Torrance Chamber of Commerce office. Persons listed on the selected coupons were immediately notified.

Winners of the beautiful turkeys were:

Mrs. John E. Ambrose, 4519 Halison St.; Mrs. Elizabeth Andrews, 720 Border Ave.; Mrs. Betty Antel, 21925 Ladeene Ave.; Mrs. Kenneth Beer, 1807 Gramercy Ave.; Ray E. Black, 16920 Osage Ave.; Mary Butterfield, 22713 Cypress Ave.; G. T. Costa, 3428 W. 229th St.; Mrs. Janet Deane, 1637 Juniper Ave.; Mrs. Tom V. Dooley, 822 Faysmith St.; Paul V. Goodrow, 1731 Iris Ave.; Mrs. G. Grace, 4323 W. 180th St.; Mrs. E. Henderson, 1012 Portola Ave.; Mabel A. Kramer, 2005 Sartori Ave.; Mrs. Nelson Lee, 715 Columbia.

Helen Lillywhite, Redondo Beach; Jim Logue, Redondo Beach; Mrs. J. S. McMullen, 1734 Watson; Blanche Nagy, 1315 W. 228th St.; Jose Palomo, 1515 W. 208th St.; Mrs. Dale Rippstein, 1644 W. 221 St.; L. M. Steidley, 4528 231st St.; Mrs. A. W. Taylor, 826 Fonthill; Mrs. J. W. Thomas, 920 Teri St.; K. K. Thompson, 1354 W. 29th St.; and Joe M. Trevino, 21229 Lynton Ave.

THREE-DAY MEET

Over 2500 of Jehovah's witnesses from 24 congregations, comprising the whole of California Circuit No. 16, are slated to gather at Long Beach Municipal Auditorium for a three-day meet.



COLLECTION OF WINNERS—Betty Baker, secretary of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, displays sheaf of winning coupons that won free turkeys for lucky local residents. Coupons were printed in advertisements of downtown Torrance merchants and were carried on the pages of the Torrance Press. Thousands of the tickets were filled out and brought to the participating stores. Drawing was held Monday and winners were notified immediately.